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RE: **Request of Global Tel*Link Corporation** for Alternative Regulatory Treatment

Dear Mr. Walsh:

With this filing, Global Tel*Link Corporation ("Global") requests that the Commission grant it Alternative Regulatory Treatment as set forth below. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. '58-9-585 and the general regulatory authority of the Commission, Global requests that the Commission regulate its inmate telecommunication services offerings as described below in accordance with the principles and procedures established by Orders No. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C.

It is Global's intent by this request to have its inmate services regulated in the same manner as this Commission has permitted for AT & T Communications of the Southern States. Specifically, Applicant requests:

1. removal of maximum rate tariff requirements for its inmate services offerings;
2. that tariff filings are presumed valid upon filing. If the Commission institutes an investigation of a particular filing within seven days, the tariff filing will be suspended until further order of the Commission; and
3. any relaxation in the reporting requirements that may be adopted for AT & T shall apply to Global also.

Global's primary purpose in requesting Alternative Regulatory treatment is to facilitate the processing of its tariff revisions filed with the Commission, and to eliminate the requirement to include both maximum and current rates in its tariff.

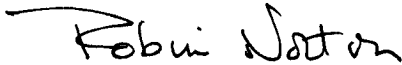
Global is fully aware of the Commission's rate caps associated with inmate and operator assisted services, and recognizes and accepts its responsibility to abide by the caps. Global acknowledges that approval of its request for Alternative Regulatory treatment in no way changes this responsibility. The Company's rates and charges have been and will continue to be in full compliance with the Commission's rules governing rates for inmate service providers.

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The Commission's approval of Global's request for Alternative Regulatory treatment will allow the company to tariff its inmate services at the current rates only (at or below the caps) and to allow for speedier processing of tariff revisions and new service offerings.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy of this letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed for this purpose. Any questions you may have regarding this request may be directed to me at 407-740-3004 or via email to rnorton@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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